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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. ESHOO).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 28, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANNA G. ESHOO to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Amazing God, Your love surprises us. Regardless of who we are or where we have come from, what we have thought or how we have lived, You reach into our lives, into our very souls and draw us into Your loving embrace. How can we thank You?

And then You send us forth to demonstrate what love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, and faithfulness should look like in this broken world. How can we best do that?

In a time that thrives on superficiality, may we practice honesty. When it is too easy to capitalize on weaknesses, may we share our competencies. Rather than hide our vulnerability, may we dare to trust.

Then may we hear Your encouragement to erase the dividing lines of differences that all may be enfolded in Your everlasting arms.

May we rely on Your strength to care for those hardened by hurt, that all would discover Your tender love.

Surprise us again and again, O Lord, by Your mercy, that we would be inspired anew to serve You this day in our service to Your world.

In the strength of Your name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. FEENSTRA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FEENSTRA led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ALEX ODEH

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Alex Odeh, a peace activist who worked to promote civil liberties for Arab Americans in the United States and civil and human rights around the world.

A Palestinian immigrant, a published poet, lecturer of Arabic language and Middle East history at Coastline College, Alex was someone who embodied the best America has to offer.

Through his work with the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Com-

mittee, he dedicated his life to achieving true equality and equity for all.

And for daring to push for a better tomorrow, Alex was murdered on October 11, 1985, when a pipe bomb exploded as he entered his ADC office in Santa Ana, California.

This horrific act of domestic terrorism targeting Arab Americans was not new, and I am proud to say it has failed to achieve its objectives.

Arab Americans and Palestinian Americans are still here, loud and proud, speaking truth to power, and carrying on Alex's fight in his memory.

Our politics of love are the only response. Those who support oppressive policies in Palestine that murdered Alex and those who continue to fearmonger and whip up hate against us to this day will not win.

We will never give up, Alex. I am proud to be here because of you.

RECOGNIZING WORLD PSORIASIS DAY

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, tomorrow we will recognize World Psoriasis Day. Psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis are diseases that affect over 125 million people worldwide.

As a practicing dermatologist for 25 years, I have seen firsthand the toll that this condition can have on patients. This disease can often have serious and long-lasting consequences, including anxiety, depression, diabetes, and even cardiac issues.

In the past, we were often, unfortunately, unsuccessful in treating the symptoms that the men and women battling psoriasis face each and every day.

Recently, however, we are seeing new treatments and therapies that have dramatically improved our fight against psoriasis.

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